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Applicant(s): Thomas L. Ritzdorf, et al.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW-TEMPERATURE  
ANNEALING OF METALLIZATION MICROSTRUCTURES  
IN THE PRODUCTION OF A MICROELECTRONIC  
DEVICE

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified  
application, I hereby appoint Robert H. Epstein (Reg. No.  
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Signed at Chicago, Illinois on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.



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